



Bear With Us

The bear story to end all bear stories, run on the front page of this paper a few days ago, didn't by any means end bear stories and now we have one, a Siskiyou county, California, native, which begins to make the Klamath county, Ore., bruin shot out at Seven Mile look like a frolicking cub.

Our old friend Pete Belcastro, of rassing repute, dropped in yesterday afternoon to tell of a black bear he killed late last November that weighed 562 pounds, gutted, that's 47 pounds, better than the one bagged in December by Harold Brisco and Marvin Roeder.



The Seven Mile monster dressed 485 pounds, and live weight was estimated at 625, of 140 pounds for the blood and gizzard. Put 140 pounds on to Belcastro's 562 dressed out scaling and he would weigh 702 pounds, guts, feathers and all, or a whole lot of bruin.

Now we're not saying Pete's bear weighed that much—it might have been less, might have been more. It wasn't weighed before dressing, but the 562 figure, Pete swears, is certified.

Neither did he take any measurements. The Seven Mile critter's hide measured 7 feet 5 inches from head to tail and 7 feet 3 inches from claw to claw. But Albert Cummings, who is getting Pete's rug made, said it took him an hour and a half to scrape the hide and he can scrape an average one in half an hour. Cummings has sent the hide to a tanner and when it gets back Pete says he will match bear-skin rugs with any man.

Belcastro's bruin was killed on the Mike Davidson ranch west of Fort Jones. It was first spotted by Tobe Grider, an old duck hunting crony of Pete's, and Grider called into Weed to get Pete out with a rifle.

They tracked the big fellow for about four hours, then Pete located him and dropped him with one 30-06 slug right below the ear. It took six men to lug the carcass back to the car. Belcastro didn't estimate the bear's age but noted that his teeth were worn right down to the gums.

Well, who's going to top this one? If anyone has a still bigger bear, bring him in. On second thought, don't bring him in. I live in fear of glancing up from my typewriter some day to see an 800-pound grizzly perched on the corner of my desk. Just come in and tell me about it.

Merrill Wins Pair Of Games From Bonanza

The Merrill Huskies took a pair of cage tilts from Bonanza last night at Merrill, winning the A game 51-20 and edging out a 24-23 break in the B scrap.

Halftime score of the varsity match was 25-2 for Merrill as they held Bonanza to but a single goal in the first half. The victory was the seventh straight.

Tonight the Huskies play an A game with Dorris and a B tilt with Keno at Merrill.

Varsity lineups:
 Merrill: Pos. Bonanza
 Kandra (12) Smith
 Noonan (12) F (4) Kruger
 Fotheringham (17) C (2) Moore
 Hammond (4) G Bradshaw
 Walker G Horsley
 Substitutions: Merrill—Johnson (5), Bowman, Haskins (1), Trotman and Hunteit. Bonanza—Davis (2), Womack, Robinson, Kirk and Hughes. Referee, Darrell Potter.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

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Quoth The Raven, 'Ouch!'

SEATTLE, Jan. 9 (AP)—For four months, Maron through June, 1946, the crow, magpie and raven population of Washington state had better get out of town. Head for the brush, you rascals!

The state game commission, meeting here for the second day of its three-day winter gathering, yesterday authorized a 10-cent bounty on the above named feathered pests. Which undoubtedly will cause a flurry and a scurry of small boys cleaning .22 rifles like crazy.

The Canada lynx came in for a short touch of dignity. The commissioners took him

off the predatory list and reclassified him as a fur-bearer. Glenn Mitchell of the U. S. forest service said a satisfactory cooperative program was worked out with the game department on distribution of game and domestic stock in national forest areas.

Commissioner Virgil Bennington of Walla Walla came up with a warning word on the deer situation in the Umatilla forest. He said there wouldn't be any deer in those parts within ten years unless the number of elk is materially reduced, because "one elk will eat as much as five deer." Leo Lalthe, Portland, regional director of the U. S. fish and wildlife service, suggested a compromise to opposed government plans for a Skagit Flats duck refuge. He offered to trade involved Skagit property for lands in other parts of the state. Legislative action would be required in the case of any appropriations, commissioners said.

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Lipscomb Hard-Pressed To Split With Martinelli

Buck Lipscomb had to resort to every vicious trick at his disposal last night to gain an even split with Angelo Martinelli but at the end of the bout he had the Buckeye Boy so incapacitated he couldn't have come back for more had there been any rounds left.

Lipscomb and Martinelli were the survivors of the rascal royal. Jack didn't play any favorites in the mass mauling, first teaming with Pete Belcastro to floor Herbie Parks, then with Gust Johnson to flatten Earl Malone, then tossing Johnson unaided and then siding with Martinelli to leave Belcastro.

The main go started rough. Buck floored Angelo with a right to the button while Referee Wally Moss was still giving his preliminary instructions. The first round was give and take with plenty of taking.

Martinelli copped the first flop with an intricate press following a couple of body slams, but not before Lipscomb had tossed him once into the aisle.

In the final canto, Angelo muffed a chance to win by not following up an advantage when he had Jack clinging to the ropes, and that worthy got even by a stamping hammerlock that left Martinelli's left arm useless.

Another draw came in the opener between Parks and Earl Malone. Tattooed and paunchy Malone was out of line all along with biting, gouging and closed-fist clouting and he took the initial fall in the second round on a full reverse crab.

Parks got his by virtue of a stomping toothed after battering Malone with body slams.

Vandals Snare First Victory Over Webfoots

By The Associated Press

Basketball games around the northwest last night gave a northern division conference win to the Idaho Vandals, a northwest conference victory for Whitman, and just a plain win for College of Puget Sound.

With no conference standing at stake, the College of Puget Sound defeated the Seattle college team 44 to 41 in their game at Tacoma. Bob Truckey of SC was high point man with 18.

At Eugene, Ore., Fred Quinn led the Idaho Vandals to a 55 to 46 victory over Oregon for their first northern division Pacific Coast league win, which makes them even with the Webfoots.

The Idaho war veteran scored 21 points in the 37 minutes he was on the floor. Hays, Oregon center, led his team scoring with 12 points.

Eastward in Walla Walla, Whitman college romped off with their second victory in

The Weed Wildman took a one-fall decision from Dour Gust Johnson in the semi-windup that ran the gamut of back-street brawling both in and out of the ring.

Pete got his fall in thirty furious seconds of the third frame by decking Johnson with a dropkick, catching him on the rebound with an uppercut that started from the collar and falling on the Viking's prone form for a press.

Towering Pelican Pivotman Instrumental In Cage Wins

By JOHN LARSON KUHS Krater

Jerry Thorne, 6 foot 3 Pelican pivotman, is one good reason why the Pels are being boomed for state basketball laurels this season.

The towering center, tallest man on the squad, has given the local boys virtual control of the air around the backboards in games thus far and his work on tip-ins has saved more than one erratic shot for the Pels.

Thorne is a junior in high school and is playing his second year as varsity center, but through last year's play he was kept on the bench much of the time by an injured leg received in football practice.

Jerry was born in Aberdeen, S. Dak., but came to Klamath at the age of eight. He is an athletic product of Mills school, having started basketball there in the sixth grade and played every year since. He also played freshman football at KUHS.

LOS ANGELES—Fitzy Fitzpatrick, 170, Del Monte, knocked out Ernie Rios, 178½, Los Angeles, (1).

northwest conference competition by smothering the College of Idaho 57-10.

Dick Campbell, guard from Spokane, was Whitman's top scorer with nine. McGee, Hobbs and Haupt trailing with eight each.

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By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Steve Belloise, 159, New York, knocked out Bobby Brown, 161, Washington (5). Omelio Acromonte, 176, Cuba, knocked out Jim McVey, 165, San Francisco, (4).

TRENTON, N. J.—Ike Williams, 137, Trenton, outpointed Charlie Smith, 137, Newark, (10) (non-title). Andy Heyward, 119, Newark, outpointed Gene Davis, 122, New York (6).

NEW YORK—Nava Esparza, 146½, Mexico City, outpointed Louis Rousse, 147, New Orleans, (8). Benny May, 125½, Montreal, outpointed Jimmy Jeannette, 121½, Louisville, Ky., (8).

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The Pelicans, riding high on a six-tilt win streak, take on the Ashland Grizzlies for a two-game series at the high school. These tilts will start at 8 o'clock and the Wildcats or Freshmen may schedule preliminary scraps to be announced later.

Out on the hill the Leathernecks, who have copped seven out of 10 starts, meet an arch rival in the Fairfield-Suisun Skymasters, provided flying weather isn't so bad the army boys can't make the hop up here from Vallejo.

All through the war the Fairfield-Suisun base was conceded to put out some of the better athletic squads on the west coast, but the Skymasters have consistently fared badly at the hands of the local marines.

When the Leathernecks had a football team they edged past the Vallejo boys, 14-12. Then last year, in one of the most exciting basketball games of the season, the Marines took a last-minute 46-44 game from Fairfield-Suisun.

A couple of basin loop games

will probably be scheduled as prelims to the Marine games Friday and Saturday. The main tilts are scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock and are free of charge to the public.

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